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According to Secretary Herbert, the
United States cruiser Dolphin, built
by John Roach, steamed over 10,000
miles during 1896 without a mishap of
any kind.

Essex County Herald.

The purchase of the Newfoundland
railway will bring the public debt of
that province up to \$19,000,000, which
is \$95 per head of the population, and
which rivals that of any other
country.

After looking over the whole field
the Hardware Dealers' Magazine
reaches the conclusion that "Our
country has not far ahead of it an area
of greater prosperity than it has had
in a decade."

The banks of the United States, says
the New Orleans Picayune, lose more
money in a single year through the
dishonesty of trusted officials and
agents than they do in twenty years
from outside robbers.

The Wilmington (Del.) News, a Re-
publican paper, thinks "it would be
an excellent idea for the Republicans,
when they return to power in Wash-
ington on March 4 next, to inaugurate
a new plan in connection with the
inauguration ceremonies. That plan
is to do away with the absurd so-called
inauguration ball. It is a farce and
an abomination."

Congress has done well in placing,
without extra charge to the sender, an
insurance of not more than \$10 upon
every registered letter, believes the
New York Tribune. That will oblige
the Government to pay an indemnity
for every registered letter lost or
stolen. But the increased business
thus attracted will doubtless make the
new system a source of increased profit
to the Postal Department.

The late Colonel John R. Fellows,
District Attorney of New York City,
was an orator who retained the old
style of florid eloquence to no small
degree, observes the St. Louis Star.
He could take a commonplace subject
and wrap it in verbiage resplendent
with the charm of diction and the
flowers of imagination. In these
modern days of cold materialism orators
of the old school are entirely too
few. But, then, new conditions have
forced a change in the style of oratory
in this country in the past few years.

A wonderful thing in connection
with the wood pulp and paper busi-
ness is where all the paper vanishes.
With a consumption of 3000 or 4000
cords of wood per day in this country,
and the manufacture of that amount of
white paper, yet the whole bulk goes
into consumption, and disappears al-
most unaccountably. The individual
buys one, two or three newspapers
during the day, and it would puzzle
him to imagine where they might be
found on the second day. The rubbish
heap, the fire and other innumerable
ways of utilizing old paper must ac-
count for the disappearance. In the
matter of lumber, the wood maintains
its form and shape for a great length
of time, and retains to a certain ex-
tent its value, while on the other hand
old newspapers are scarcely worth col-
lecting for any subsequent industrial
purpose to which they may be put.

Farmers of "bleeding Kansas" will
sympathize with their brother agri-
cultivists of Buenos Ayres, if they hap-
pen to have any superfluous sympathy,
suggests the New York Times. Loc-
usts have come as a plague to the
farmers there, and the local authori-
ties have gone to the extent of making
a forced collection of money to raise
money to exterminate the pests. To
add to the troubles of the district the
grasshoppers came in force and young
wheat and other crops have been prac-
tically ruined. During late October
and early November hundreds of la-
borers armed with sticks were sent
through the fresh-infected districts
beating the locusts to death and de-
stroying the eggs. No other means
of extinction has proved so successful
as this. A practical use for the gen-
erally useless army of Buenos Ayres
has been found through this invasion.
In one district, Santa Fe, 700 soldiers
provided with cudgels were sent into
the fields to assist the farmers in the
destruction of locusts. Latest ad-
vice from the provinces infected are
that the Government is considering
the advisability of calling out the sol-
diers of the National Guard, arming
them with beating sticks, and setting
them at the work of extermination.
This is because the outlook for crops
is so poor that famine is feared unless
every possible means for securing re-
lief is resorted to.

The genuine Chesapeake Bay terra-
pin is making himself so scarce this
season that prices have risen to \$60
and \$75 a dozen. So relentless has
been the hunt for Br'er Terrapin that
unless immediate measures for his
protection are taken he will soon be-
come extinct.

General Vermont News.

Gov. Grout has appointed as commis-
sioners under the resolution of the last session
recognizing the Tennessee centennial ex-
position: Lieut. Gov. N. W. Fisk of Isle La
Motte, Hon. Hiram N. Turner of St. John-
sbury, Hon. James W. Brock of Mont-
pelier, Hon. A. B. Valentine of Bur-
lington, Hon. M. E. Allen of Ferrisburgh,
Hon. N. L. Boyden of Randolph,
N. G. Williams of Bellows Falls, John N.
Woodlin of Rutland, Fred H. Wells of Bur-
lington, Charles C. Warren of Waterbury.
The object of these commissioners is to have
Vermont's interests properly represented at
the exposition to be held at Nashville from
May to December next. Next year is Ten-
nessee's 100th anniversary of admission to
the Union. This commission represents
manufacturing, business and banking inter-
ests.

The bids for carrying mails on certain
routes in this vicinity have just been award-
ed. An improvement has been effected for
the service in Burlington and after Jan. 1,
1897, regulation screen mail wagons will be
used to carry the mails to and from the de-
pot. A. T. Whiting of Washington, D. C., is
the successful bidder and on that day he will
report for duty.

Route 3276, between Grand Isle and Bur-
lington, was awarded to W. H. Steele, of
London, Kentucky. Route 3274, between
Hinesburgh and Burlington, was awarded to
John B. Hopkins, of Hinesburgh. Route
3097, between Plattsburgh and Burlington
was awarded to the Champlain Transportation
Company.

Township seems to be ill-fated. Its third
disastrous fire in two years broke out the
other morning, destroying four buildings,
rendering eight families homeless and doing
damage to the amount of \$20,000. The
origin is uncertain but probably incendiary.
The progress was finally checked by tearing
down a photograph studio. Mr. Ober's loss
is \$3,000; Mr. Sander's \$4,000; Mr. Sher-
man's \$2,000; Mr. Adams, who occupied
Shuman's store, \$3,300; J. A. Campbell,
who lived in the Sander's house, \$1,500. The
other losses were smaller, but amount in all
to \$30,000, while the total insurance is \$11-
80.

John Hall, aged 72 years, late of Co. I,
10th Vt. regiment, died at the Vermont Sol-
diers' home. He was admitted to the home
Dec. 11, 1896. Burial at his former home,
Hardard, Vt. This is death No. 73 and the
fourth during the present month.

Mrs. H. S. Tenney recently celebrated her
101st birthday. Many friends called at the
home and extended congratulations. Mrs.
Tenney was the first woman settler in West
Concord. She is in excellent health.

The following Vermonters have been
granted pensions: Increase, Isaac K. Davis
of Hesse, Milton J. Allen of Bethel, Living-
ston, Derrick of St. Albans, Asa T. Eber of
Springfield, release and increase, Charles L.
Stacy of Brattleboro. Original, Harvey J.
Carrier, Bridport; additional, Augustus C.
Wood, Vergennes; increase, Henry C. Pow-
ers, Ripton.

About 25 acres of land, known as the Har-
lowe meadow, which adjoins and nearly sur-
rounds the prison property at Windsor, has
been bought for \$3,000, that amount having
been appropriated by a special act of the
legislature. This land was owned by the
Windsor library association.
The work of transforming the old brick
academy at Bennington Centre so that it will
be ready for use as a library is about com-
pleted. The building was erected in 1821,
was then known as Bennington Academy and
in it the higher branches were taught for
years. It was the second building erected for
academy purposes in that village, the first
one, Clio hall, incorporated Nov. 3,
1780, being the first incorporated academy
in the state. The lot on which the academy
now stands, was the present meeting house
stands, and was for a long time in a flourish-
ing condition. Eliad Dewey, a son of Rev.
Jedediah Dewey, was principal of the school
for several years. Clio hall was destroyed by fire in
1863.

Postmaster C. A. Fitzpatrick of White
River Junction received early this morn-
ing an anonymous letter containing \$1.20.
The writer says that 40 years ago "in passing
through White River" the depot master
made in his pocket a small change money
a mistake of \$1. This amount he desires to be
paid to the depot master if alive. If
he is not living the dollar is to go to his
nearest heir, and if there is none the
amount is to be paid to some benevolent
organization. The additional 20 cents is
meant to remunerate the postmaster for
his trouble in this matter. The letter was
received by the postmaster at 10 o'clock.
If there is one, investigations made
by the postmaster thus far do not clearly
indicate who was depot master at the time
40 years ago, but the probability is that
L. S. Grover, now deceased, held the place.
Vermont Merino Sheep Breeders' Association
was represented at the meeting of
the National Wool Growers' Association at
Washington on Tuesday, the 15th for the
consideration of pending legislation affect-
ing the wool interest, by E. N. Bisset of East
Shelton.

The internal revenue collections in the
district of Maine, New Hampshire and
Vermont for the month of November were
\$24,608, a decrease of \$100 from the re-
ceipts of November, 1895.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Li Hung Chang will write a book on
America.

The Prince of Wales is a determined op-
ponent of English made goods.

A memorial to the late Senator Louis Ste-
vens is to be erected in Edinburg.

Charles A. Collier, who has just been elec-
ted Mayor of Atlanta, Ga., will be the first
of Atlanta to sit in the Mayor's chair.

Next to George Vanderbilt, the largest
land owner in North Carolina is Miller
Hanson, who is now at home from Mexico
on his Roanoke plantation.

Prince Bogdan Karageorgevitch, who in-
terested Paris by his lavish display of wealth
and by his proximity as a musician and
composer of paintings, has left Paris for a
year's exploration in India.

The Earl of Darnley, descendant of two
Celtic kings, is entertaining the Viceroy of
Ireland in Adra Manor, his ancestral home.
The mansion is celebrated for its picture
gallery, which is 132 feet long.

Carl Lindén, the Swedish artist, now in
Paris, began life as a sign painter, but was
elected to become an artist through the lib-
erality of a citizen of Chicago, who met him
when he was about to go West and become a
cowboy.

Grover Cleveland, will, if he lives until
the fourth of March, have one distinction
that no other President has enjoyed. He
will be the only occupant of the White House
that has ever ridden to the Capitol with the
first successor.

The salary of the Archbishop of Canter-
bury is \$75,000 a year. He has two palaces
provided for him free of cost by the British
Nation, and his attendance and maintenance
are also settled for in great part by the
British taxpayers.

Perhaps the greatest benefit ever per-
formed for the world by the late Coventry
Patmore, whose life was long and useful,
was to save from destruction the manuscript
of "In Memoriam," which Tennyson had left
among some discarded rubbish in his lodg-
ings.

The oldest actor in the world in Henry
Ducl. He will be ninety-three on his next
birthday, and was an actor for sixty-five
years. As a child he was rowed out to Ply-
mouth Sound, and saw Napoleon walking
the quarterdeck of the "Billy Ruffin." The
veteran actor now keeps a tavern in Ply-
mouth, England.

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THE LABOR WORLD.

Tacoma, Wash., has Chinese tailors.

Kansas City striking printers will establish
a co-operative plant.

New York City will enforce the weekly
payment-of-wages law.

Lausling (Mich.) unions are reviving the
street cars and a local theatre.

Boston bookbinders advocate the use of
the union label in schoolbooks.

The labor congress at Cincinnati endorsed
a plan for a general agitation of the eight-
hour principle.

The dock laborers in Hamburg, Germany,
voted by an overwhelming majority to con-
tinue the strike.

The Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago
Railroad has reduced the wages of its section
men ten per cent.

New York varnishers grant the painters to
do only the painting and leave the varnishing
to the varnishers.

It has been the custom in the Vanderbilt
families for the butlers to give bonds for the
safeguarding of the silver.

Michigan unionists want convicts placed
on farms and their work confined to raising
vegetables, etc., for prison inmates.

No proprietor of a first-class hotel in Ger-
many and Austria will engage a chef unless
he has a diploma from one of the schools.

San Francisco press feeders and helpers
organized. Cylinder pressmen will demand
\$8 per week and \$10 for platform presses.

Emperor William favors the employers in
the Hamburg dock strike, and thinks
capitalists should unite against trades
unions.

The Central Labor Union of Indianapolis,
Ind., has secured a new hall and fitted it up
in this shape in order to encourage female
organization.

THE LABOR WORLD.

The Central Labor Union of Washington,
at its meeting last Monday, by unanimous
vote extended the olive branch to the other
Central Labor bodies in the district, and in-
vites them to a general conference.

The French, who have built up a large
colony known as "Little Canada," at Lowell,
Mass., have become jealous of an increasing
number of Greeks and Armenians who have
been taking their places in the big cotton
mills.

For the first time in the history of the Chi-
cago Building Trades' Council that organiza-
tion the past week called a strike against
members of one of its affiliated unions on
behalf of another affiliated union. For the
first time also the council's decision in a
trade dispute has been rebelled against.

A scandal from Rome reminds the
world that Italy, too, has a nobility.
Luigi Crispi, his father's son, cavalier
servant to the Countess Coliere, was
detained on the charge of having in-
troduced a bravo into his lady-love's
house to steal her jewels. He gave
leg-bail and tried to hush the matter up.
But at the trial it was developed
that the Countess had been ruined
gambling on the horse with the minis-
ter's son, and, believing Luigi had
stolen her jewels to refill his purse,
she had tried to black-mail the son of
Crispi into buying some Etruscan
tombs upon her estates and creating
her a lady of honor. The patriars
settled the case by sending the bravo
to jail, but young Crispi has deemed it
best to retire to South America for a
time.

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